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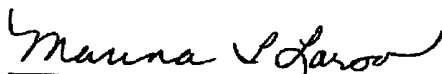
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WITHDRAWAL OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby withdraw the previously submitted claim for small entity status. This application should henceforth be treated as a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

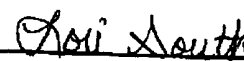


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